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On re Application of:

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Title: LIGATING CLIP WITH INTEGRAL INTERLOCKING LATCH MECHANISM

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2006, to which a response is due without an extension by October 28, 2006, please amend and reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows. Entry of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested since they are believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and do not raise any new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows: